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MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF CHARITABLE GAMING
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room B , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:	July 27, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Francis Gant, Delaware Firefighters Association Member, Presiding
James Ascione, Public Member
Richard MacDonald, State Lottery Office Member
Jay Mervine, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Janet Williams-Coger, Non-Profit Member, Chair

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Jean Betley, License Investigator III
Meredith Hurley, Administrative Specialist II
Ted Kimmey, Gaming Inspector
Kevin Maloney, Deputy Attorney General
Eric Rauch, Gaming Inspector

PUBLIC PRESENT

Bonnie Howell
Jim LaFlord
Joe Franzoni
Bill Holena
Vic Callahan
Joe Waegele
Jeff Crouser
Rebecca Crouser
Tom Jones
Betty Tull
Anne Parke
Mary Lang
Wayne Eyer

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Gant called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Conduct Deliberations from Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Amendments to Board's Rules and Regulations

The Board held their deliberations from the May 25, 2016 public hearing regarding the proposed amendments to the Board's rules and regulations. No additional comments received. Mr. MacDonald moved, seconded by Mr. Mervine, to accept the proposed changes to the charitable gaming regulations but table the portion involving instant bingo until the a decision has been made regarding the pending legislation that is currently in the House. The motion carried unanimously. An Order was circulated for Board members' signatures.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes - May 25, 2016

Mr. MacDonald made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mervine, to approve the May 25, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Inspection Reports

The Board reviewed the inspection report for Milton Century Club. Ms. Betley advised the Board that the response letter will be prepared for signatures during the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Ratification of Bingo Event Permits Issued

Mr. Mervine made a motion, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to ratify the following bingo permit events listed below. The motion carried unanimously.

Bowers Fire Company
Camden Wyoming Moose Lodge 203
Camden-Wyoming Fire Company, Inc.
Cape Henlopen Elks Lodge #2540
Corpus Christi Church
Debra L. Sipple Memorial Inc.
Delaware Veterans Inc. Post II
Harrington Fire Company, Inc.
Holy Rosary Catholic Church
Indian River Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.
Lakeside Community Homeowners Association, Inc.
Mamie A. Warren Senior Center
Mill Creek Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary
Milton Fire Department, Inc. – Ladies Auxiliary
Newark Elks Lodge #2281
Sgt. William Lloyd Nelson VFW Post 3792
St. Helena R.C. Church
Walter L. Fox American Legion Post #2 and Ladies Auxiliary

Ratification of Charitable Gaming Event Permits Issued

Mr. Mervine made a motion, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to ratify the charitable gaming event permits listed below. The motion carried unanimously.

Corpus Christi Church
Dover Elks Lodge #1903
AmVets Post 2

Review of Application for Bingo

Mr. MacDonald made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mervine, to approve the bingo events of the Loyal Order of the Moose East Sussex #2542. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Applications for Raffle

Mr. MacDonald made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mervine, to approve the raffle events listed below. The motion carried unanimously.

Knights of Columbus Coffee Run Council #6768
Delmar Fire Department, Inc.
Warrior Weekend Corporation

Mr. Gant made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mervine, to approve the raffle application for Beebe Medical Foundation on the contingency that they provide a record keeper that meets the two-year requirement set forth in the rules and regulations. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Application(s) for Charitable Gaming Event(s)

Mr. Mervine made a motion, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to approve the charitable gaming events for the Riders Chapter AmVets Post 2. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. MacDonald made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mervine, to table the charitable gaming application for the Ladies Auxiliary of AmVets Post 2 until the organization can supply their IRS determination letter. The motion carried unanimously.

Queen of Hearts Demonstration

Mr. LaFlord presented the game board that his organization would use to play the Queen of Hearts game. He supplied the Board members with the rules of their game play. It was explained that only members were allowed to purchase tickets to play the game. There is a board with sealed cards used from a deck of cards. Players are buying a chance to pick a sealed card from the board to see if they win the jackpot. This game can continue for weeks if the desired card is not picked. The purchase of the chances is what establishes the amount in the jackpot. There is a rollover of jackpot money, which could grow to a fairly large amount making it difficult to establish what kind of event it should fall under.

Mr. Jones also presented the game rules for his organization and explained that their game board is in a locked glass cabinet for security.

The Board determined that the issue on how to classify this game remains. It appears to be a hybrid of a raffle and a charitable gaming event. This topic will remain on the agenda for further discussion.

CORRESPONDENCE

The response to inspection report letter from Roxana Volunteer Fire Company was read and the Board verified with the gaming inspectors that they approved of the response given.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

Mr. Ascione, the newest Board member, was introduced and welcomed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Holena was concerned about the new legislation (SB 254) pertaining to instant bingo and how that would affect their pull-tab games during bingo nights with the maximum dollar limits they need to follow. He showed the Board the different pull-tab games that were brought in by Mr. Eyer, a bingo supplier.

Mr. Callahan approached the Board with a raffle application for his organization and explained their proposal. He wanted to be sure his organization was on the right track with their event.

Mr. LaFlord reassured the Board that his organization will not be playing the Queen of Hearts until the classification of the game is resolved.

Ms. Tull raised concerns with legislative changes that make it difficult for organizations to do their charitable events. Mr. MacDonald responded that the Board can only change rules and regulations and the best way to make a difference is to contact the representatives in your district to voice concerns regarding new legislation.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board meeting is Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., Conference Room B, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Cannon Building, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. MacDonald made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ascione, to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Hurley

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Administrative Specialist II